



**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW ACCORDINGLY. YOU MUST BRING ANY APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS/EVIDENCE WITH YOU WHEN APPEARING FOR YOUR VISA INTERVIEW.**

Consular Section  
of the U.S. Embassy in Riga, Latvia

## **I. TRANSLATION OF COURT DOCUMENTS**

Notary-certified English translations of any court records previously submitted in Latvian to the National Visa Center must be submitted to the Embassy on the day of the visa interview.

## **II. REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMIGRATION BY A MINOR CHILD (under the age of 18)**

If one of a child's parents is not immigrating with the child, then that parent must be present at the child's visa interview to confirm his/her consent to issuance of a U.S. visa for the child. If a parent cannot be physically present at the time of the visa interview, a notarized statement should be brought to the interview giving the absent parent's unconditional consent to the issuance of a U.S. visa for the child. The child's parents will be identified through the child's birth certificate, the parents' passports with the child's name written in them, and/or other documents proving legal custody.

## **III ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE-BASED VISA APPLICANTS**

If your status as an intending immigrant is based upon a relationship established by marriage between an alien and a United States citizen or legal permanent resident, please be prepared to present suitable documentation at the time of your immigrant visa interview to establish the bona fides of that marriage. The types of documentation listed below have proven helpful in previous adjudications of visa cases involving marriages. The type of documentation that you will need to present will depend upon your particular circumstances. Failure to present satisfactory documentation may delay issuance of your immigrant visa:

- receipts showing joint obligations for housing and living expenses, such as rent, utilities, telephone, etc.;
- evidence of mortgages, leases, credit accounts, or other financial obligations undertaken jointly;
- evidence of joint ownership of property;
- evidence of joint management of finances, such as joint bank accounts, insurance policies, retirement plans;
- evidence (e.g. phone bills, photos, letters, etc.) of correspondence between the married couple prior and during the marriage;
- correspondence to both spouses from family members;
- evidence (e.g. invitations, cards, correspondence, etc.) that those who know the parties recognize them as a married couple;
- tax returns from prior years showing joint filing; and
- any other documentation or evidence which indicates that the parties to the marriage have formed a genuine economic and marital union.

## **IV ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT BASED VISA APPLICANTS**

If your status as an intending immigrant is based on an employment-based petition or an offer of employment, you must provide a written statement confirming that offer of employment is still available to you. Depending on your circumstances and preference category, you may wish to submit letter(s) from prospective employer(s), evidence of prearranged commitments, such as contracts, or your statement detailing plans for continuous work in the United States.